BUREAU OF STATISTICS

May 2010

## 1 Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items, 2002 = 100

| Month | CPI | Annual Rate of Inflation | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Whitehorse | | | |
| May '10 | 114.3 | 0.3% | (May '09 to May '10) |
| Apr '10 | 113.6 | 0.2% | (Apr '09 to Apr '10) |
| May '09 | 114.0 | 0.4% | (May '08 to May '09) |
| Canada | | | |
| May '10 | 116.3 | 1.4% | (May '09 to May '10) |
| Apr '10 | 116.0 | 1.8% | (Apr '09 to Apr '10) |
| May '09 | 114.7 | 0.1% | (May '08 to May '09) |

Comparing the month of May 2010 with May 2009, the **annual** rate of inflation in Whitehorse (0.3%) was 1.1 percentage points lower than the **annual** rate of inflation in Canada (1.4%).

On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices increased 0.6% from April 2010 to May 2010.

Major **monthly** increases were seen in the following CPI commodities:

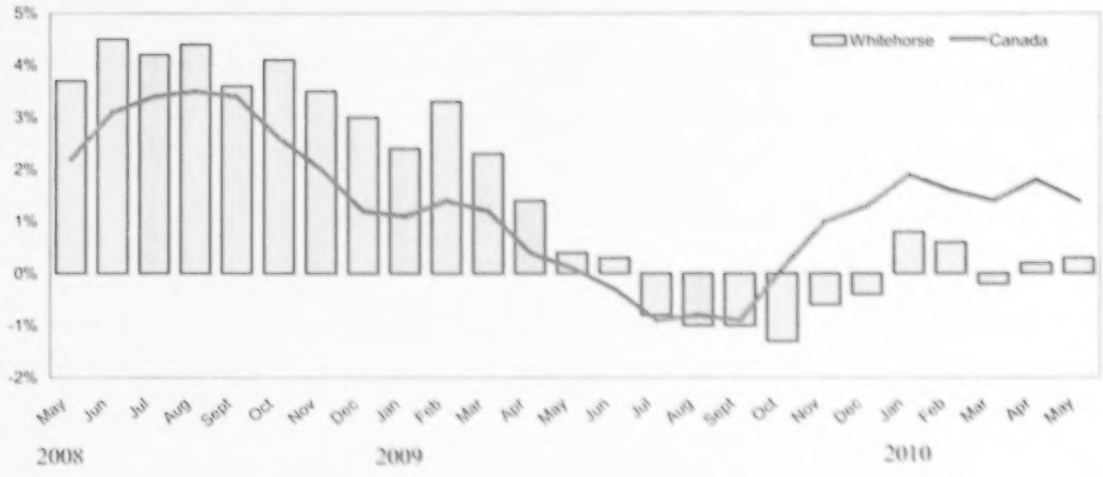
- traveller accommodation
- passenger vehicle insurance premiums
- pet food and supplies

Some of the major decreases partially offsetting **monthly** increases were:

- fresh vegetables
- bakery products
- food purchased from restaurants

**Annual** increases for Whitehorse in May were again seen in gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels, and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Offsetting some of these **annual** increases were decreases in mortgage interest cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance costs, and inter-city transportation.

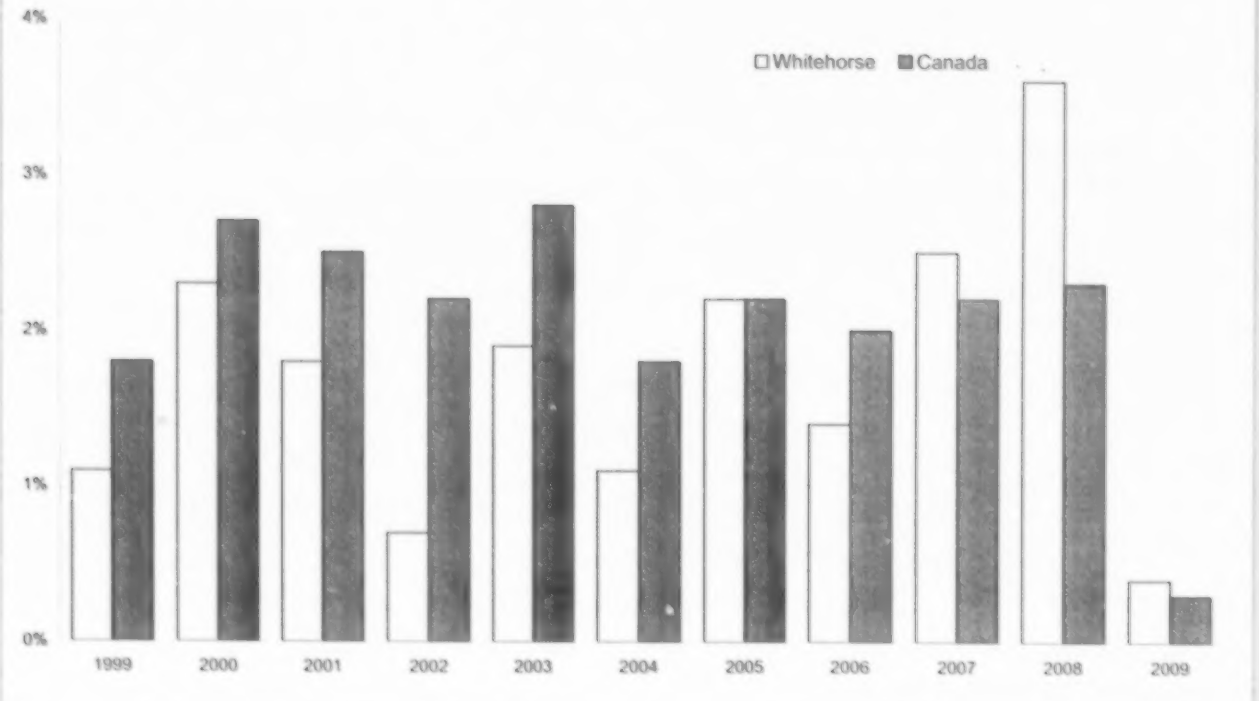
### Inflation Rate



## 2 Consumer Price Index History - Annual Averages

| Whitehorse (2002 = 100) | | | Canada (2002 = 100) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | All-Items Index | % Change From Previous Year | Year | All-Items Index | % Change From Previous Year |
| 2009 | 113.8 | 0.4 | 2009 | 114.4 | 0.3 |
| 2008 | 113.4 | 3.6 | 2008 | 114.1 | 2.3 |
| 2007 | 109.5 | 2.5 | 2007 | 111.5 | 2.2 |
| 2006 | 106.8 | 1.4 | 2006 | 109.1 | 2.0 |
| 2005 | 105.3 | 2.2 | 2005 | 107.0 | 2.2 |
| 2004 | 103.0 | 1.1 | 2004 | 104.7 | 1.8 |
| 2003 | 101.9 | 1.9 | 2003 | 102.8 | 2.8 |
| 2002 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 2002 | 100.0 | 2.2 |
| 2001 | 99.3 | 1.8 | 2001 | 97.8 | 2.5 |
| 2000 | 97.5 | 2.3 | 2000 | 95.4 | 2.7 |
| 1999 | 95.3 | 1.1 | 1999 | 92.9 | 1.8 |

## 3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



## 4 Consumer Price Index — (All Items, 2002 = 100)

### Index for Whitehorse 2008/'09

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 110.4 | 113.0 | 2.4 |
| Feb | 110.1 | 113.7 | 3.3 |
| Mar | 111.0 | 113.6 | 2.3 |
| Apr | 111.8 | 113.4 | 1.4 |
| May | 113.6 | 114.0 | 0.4 |
| Jun | 114.6 | 114.9 | 0.3 |
| Jul | 115.3 | 114.4 | -0.8 |
| Aug | 115.4 | 114.2 | -1.0 |
| Sep | 114.8 | 113.7 | -1.0 |
| Oct | 114.9 | 113.4 | -1.3 |
| Nov | 114.6 | 113.9 | -0.6 |
| Dec | 113.9 | 113.4 | -0.4 |
| Year Average | 113.4 | 113.8 | 0.4 |

### Index for Canada 2008/'09

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 111.8 | 113.0 | 1.1 |
| Feb | 112.2 | 113.8 | 1.4 |
| Mar | 112.6 | 114.0 | 1.2 |
| Apr | 113.5 | 113.9 | 0.4 |
| May | 114.6 | 114.7 | 0.1 |
| Jun | 115.4 | 115.1 | -0.3 |
| Jul | 115.8 | 114.7 | -0.9 |
| Aug | 115.6 | 114.7 | -0.8 |
| Sep | 115.7 | 114.7 | -0.9 |
| Oct | 114.5 | 114.6 | 0.1 |
| Nov | 114.1 | 115.2 | 1.0 |
| Dec | 113.3 | 114.8 | 1.3 |
| Year Average | 114.1 | 114.4 | 0.3 |

### Index for Whitehorse 2009/'10

| Month | 2009 | 2010 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 113.0 | 113.9 | 0.8 |
| Feb | 113.7 | 114.4 | 0.6 |
| Mar | 113.6 | 113.4 | -0.2 |
| Apr | 113.4 | 113.6 | 0.2 |
| **May** | **114.0** | **114.3** | **0.3** |
| Jun | 114.9 | | |
| Jul | 114.4 | | |
| Aug | 114.2 | | |
| Sep | 113.7 | | |
| Oct | 113.4 | | |
| Nov | 113.9 | | |
| Dec | 113.4 | | |
| Year Average | 113.8 | - | - |

### Index for Canada 2009/'10

| Month | 2009 | 2010 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 113.0 | 115.1 | 1.9 |
| Feb | 113.8 | 115.6 | 1.6 |
| Mar | 114.0 | 115.6 | 1.4 |
| Apr | 113.9 | 116.0 | 1.8 |
| **May** | **114.7** | **116.3** | **1.4** |
| Jun | 115.1 | | |
| Jul | 114.7 | | |
| Aug | 114.7 | | |
| Sep | 114.7 | | |
| Oct | 114.6 | | |
| Nov | 115.2 | | |
| Dec | 114.8 | | |
| Year Average | 114.4 | - | - |

## 5 Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse — May 2010

| | Index | | | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 2010 | Apr. 2010 | May 2009 | Apr. '10 to May '10 | May '09 to May '10 |
| **All-Items** | **114.3** | **113.6** | **114.0** | **0.6** | **0.3** |
| Food | 116.5 | 117.0 | 116.2 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| Shelter | 127.3 | 127.1 | 128.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 102.0 | 100.8 | 104.6 | 1.2 | -2.5 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 95.9 | 95.6 | 99.2 | 0.3 | -3.3 |
| Transportation | 117.8 | 116.4 | 113.9 | 1.2 | 3.4 |
| Health & Personal Care | 115.9 | 114.5 | 111.1 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading | 95.6 | 94.0 | 96.5 | 1.7 | -0.9 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products | 135.2 | 134.0 | 133.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| **Special Aggregates** | | | | | |
| Energy | 136.0 | 135.7 | 124.5 | 0.2 | 9.2 |
| All-Items excluding Energy | 111.9 | 111.2 | 112.7 | 0.6 | -0.7 |

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI is collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada's publication, *The Consumer Price Index*, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation or deflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation/deflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2002 = 100.

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